



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Starr-Iva Middle

Anderson 3

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 587

Principal: Mike Ruthsatz

Superintendent: Gail Southard, Interim Superintendent

Board Chair: Larry Holbrook

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

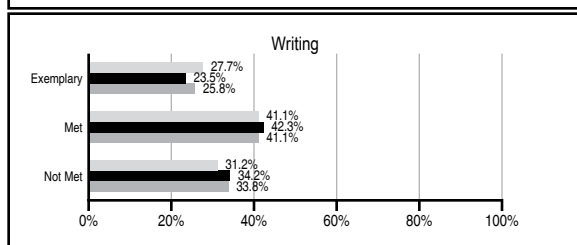
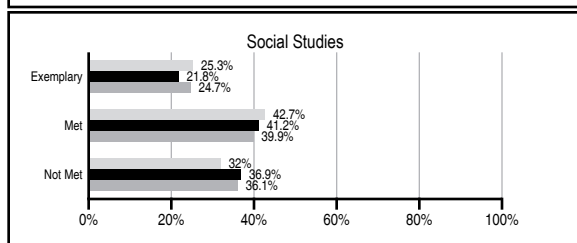
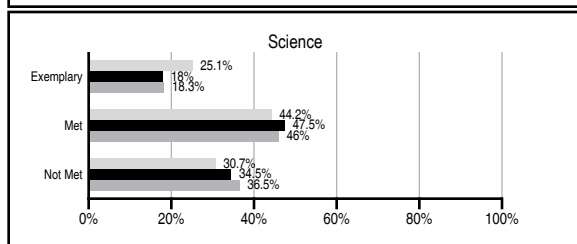
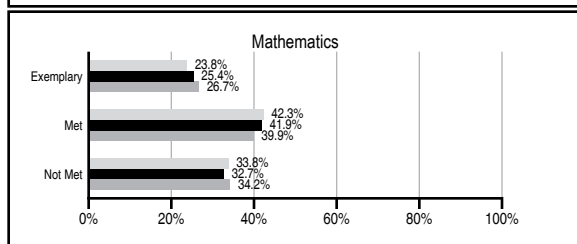
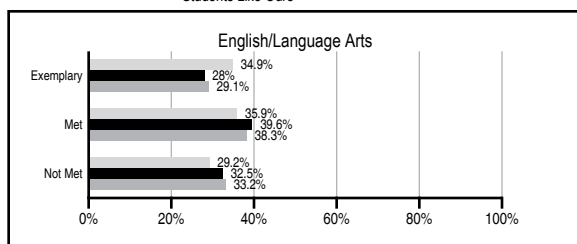
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	3	41	5	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	95.3	97.7
English 1	97.8	96.8
Physical Science	N/A	90.9
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.6	97.2

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=587)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	12.1%	Up from 11.5%	18.3%	21.6%
Retention rate	0.2%	Down from 0.7%	1.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.4%	95.7%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	16.9%	Down from 17.7%	15.5%	14.8%
With disabilities other than speech	20.1%	Up from 19.5%	13.8%	12.6%
Older than usual for grade	3.6%	Down from 5.2%	2.7%	2.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	No Change	0.4%	0.6%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	39.1%	Up from 27.7%	54.6%	56.9%
Continuing contract teachers	69.6%	Up from 55.3%	75.0%	72.7%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.8%	Down from 7.4%	4.8%	5.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	79.5%	Up from 78.6%	82.9%	82.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.0%	95.3%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$41,339	Up 5.1%	\$45,822	\$46,599
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.5%	2.4%
Professional development days/teacher	5.3 days	Down from 25.2 days	10.1 days	10.8 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 4.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Up from 15.3 to 1	20.1 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.7%	Up from 86.1%	89.8%	89.9%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.1%	Up from 97.8%	97.6%	97.8%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,918	Up 8.7%	\$7,435	\$7,645
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.7%	Up from 62.1%	64.3%	63.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	55.8%	No Change	59.2%	57.0%
% of AYP objectives met	85.7%	Up from 71.4%	90.5%	90.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	176	74
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.7%	84.1%	83.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	84.6%	77.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.6%	85.8%	90.4%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Starr-Iva Middle school is a school rich in history in a rural setting located approximately ten miles from Anderson, S.C. surrounded by pastures and farmland. Our neighbors are all agricultural in nature and the countryside abounds with nature: animals, trees, and flowers.

Character with Academics, Athletics, and the Arts remains as our focus at Starr-Iva Middle School. The mission of the school continues to promote academic excellence guided by our supportive staff and community. We are dedicated to preparing our students for high school and in becoming lifelong learners.

The school community worked together through our School Improvement Council (SIC) to evaluate the school's goals and accomplishments throughout the year and to develop new goals for the coming year. This has been an exciting year; we had the largest ever group of Junior Scholars, received two school grants, and achieved our PACT goal for the third consecutive year. Several programs continued to have strong participation, programs such as the Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Student Council, Beta Club, National History Competition, Drama Club, Starr-Iva Singers, Art Club, and Guitar Club to mention just a few. Next year, we will add a school-wide emphasis on writing and begin AVID, a college-prep program..

Sincerely,

Mike Ruthsatz, Principal
Laura Beth Smith, SIC Chairperson

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